

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A software installation method comprising the steps of: storing information related to a constituent element of a user's computer system and software required for operation of the constituent element and also storing identification information for identifying a user's computer system that is supplied to the user's computer system, and system configuration information indicating hardware of the user's computer system;

accepting from the user's computer system the identification information of the user's computer system; and

sending, to the user's computer system, software required for the operation of the constituent element of the user's computer system that is determined from the stored system configuration information which corresponds to the accepted identification information.

Claim 2 (Original) The software installation method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

managing, for an individual user, a fee for the software sent to the user's computer system; and

collecting the fee from the user.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A software installation method comprising:

 a first database for storing information related to a constituent element of a computer system and software required for operation of the constituent element;

 a second database for storing identification information for identifying a computer system supplied to a user, and system configuration information indicating hardware of the computer system;

 an accepting means for accepting from the user's computer system the identification information given to the user's computer system;

 first determining means for determining system configuration information which corresponds to the accepted identification information, with reference to the second database;

 second determining means for determining software required for operation of the constituent element which is indicated in the system configuration information, with reference to the first database; and

 sending means for sending the determined software to the user's computer system.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A software installation method comprising the steps of:

 sending identification information of a first computer system to a second computer system;

 accepting, in response to the above step, software required for operation of a constituent element of the first computer system, which is indicated in system configuration information stored in the second computer which corresponds to the identification information sent from the first computer system; and

conducting setup processing in order to make the software accepted in the accepting step into an executable state in the first computer.

Claim 5 (Original) The software installation method according to claim 4, wherein the first computer system reads and executes a specified installation software which is stored in a specified storage medium.

Claim 6 (Original) The software installation method according to claim 5, further comprising the step of storing software which the first computer system receives from the second computer system.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A storage medium having software stored thereon for making a computer system, which has a memory in which identification information is stored, execute the function of installing a specified software onto the computer system, wherein,

the software comprises the functions of:

sending the identification information to another computer system;

accepting, following the sending of the identification information, software required for operating a constituent element of the computer system sent from the another computer system; and

conducting setup processing in order to make the accepted software into an executable state.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) An installation system for a client/server system constituted by a first computer system and a second computer system, by which software is installed onto the first computer system,

wherein the first computer system comprises:

means for storing identification information for identifying the first computer system; means for connecting the first computer system to the second computer system and for sending the identification information to the second computer system, in accordance with recovery instructions; and

first accepting means for accepting software sent from the second computer system, and

wherein the second computer system comprises:

a first database for storing information related to a constituent element of the first computer system and software required for operation of the constituent element;

a second database for storing identification information for identifying a computer system supplied to a user, and system configuration information indicating hardware of the first computer system;

second accepting means for accepting, from the first computer system, the identification information of the first computer system;

accepting means for accepting the identification information sent from the first computer system;

first determining means for determining system configuration information which corresponds to the accepted identification information, with reference to the second database;

second determining means for determining software required for operation of the constituent element which is indicated in the system configuration information, with reference to the first database; and

sending means for sending the determining-determined software to the first computer system.

Claim 9 (New) A software installation method comprising the steps of:

storing system configuration information of a user's computer system and identification information for identifying the user's computer system;

accepting from the user's computer system the identification information of the user's computer system; and

sending, to the user's computer system, software corresponding to the system configuration information of the user's computer system that is determined from the stored system configuration information which corresponds to the accepted identification information.

Claim 10 (New) The software installation method according to claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

managing, for an individual user, a fee for the software sent to the user's computer system; and

collecting the fee from the user.

Claim 11 (New) A software installation method comprising:

a first database for storing system configuration information related to a user's computer system;

a second database for storing identification information for identifying a computer system of a user and the system configuration information of the user's computer system;

an accepting means for accepting from the user's computer system the identification information given to the user's computer system;

first determining means for determining system configuration information which corresponds to the accepted identification information, with reference to the second database;

second determining means for determining software corresponding to the system configuration information based on the identification information of the user's computer system determined with reference to the first database; and

sending means for sending the determined software to the user's computer system.

Claim 12 (New) A software installation method comprising the steps of:

sending identification information of a first computer system to a second computer system;

accepting, in response to the above step, software corresponding to system configuration information of the first computer system, which is indicated by system configuration information stored in the second computer that corresponds to the identification information sent from the first computer system; and

conducting setup processing in order to make the software accepted in the accepting step into an executable state in the first computer.

Claim 13 (New) The software installation method according to claim 12, wherein the first computer system reads and executes a specified installation software which is stored in a specified storage medium.

Claim 14 (New) The software installation method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of storing software which the first computer system receives from the second computer system.

Claim 15 (New) A storage medium having software stored thereon for making a computer system, which has a memory in which identification information is stored, execute the function of installing a specified software onto the computer system, wherein,

the software comprises the functions of:

sending the identification information to another computer system;

accepting, following the sending of the identification information, software sent from the another computer system; and

conducting setup processing in order to make the accepted software into an executable state.

Claim 16 (New) An installation system for a client/server system constituted by a first computer system and a second computer system, by which software is installed onto the first computer system,

wherein the first computer system comprises:

means for storing identification information for identifying the first computer system;

means for connecting the first computer system to the second computer system and for sending the identification information to the second computer system, in accordance with recovery instructions; and

first accepting means for accepting software sent from the second computer system, and

wherein the second computer system comprises:

a first database for storing system configuration information of the first computer system;

a second database for storing identification information for identifying a computer system supplied to a user, and the system configuration information of the first computer system;

second accepting means for accepting, from the first computer system, the identification information of the first computer system;

accepting means for accepting the identification information sent from the first computer system;

first determining means for determining system configuration information which corresponds to the accepted identification information, with reference to the second database;

second determining means for determining software corresponding to the system configuration information, with reference to the first database; and

sending means for sending the determined software to the first computer system.